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## PLAN AIRGRAPH SYSTEM FOR LETTERS OVERSEAS

With a view to speeding up the delivery of letters from relatives and friends in Canada to the Canadian Forces, Mr. W. H. H. Langdon, Hon. Minister of Munitions, and Mr. William P. Mulock, K.C., M.P., Postmaster General stated that arrangements are now underway for the institution of an airgraph system—consuming airmail service—between this country and the United Kingdom.

In keeping with this policy to do everything possible to facilitate the transmission of mails for our forces with a view to the welfare of the men, Hon. Mr. Mulock is planning to institute this special system at an early date. Following completion of arrangements now under way, a definite announcement will be made by Hon. Mr. Mulock as to the date of commencement.

Under this special system the send er of an Airgraph communication writes the message and inserts a special stamp provided by the post office. The completed form is next photographed on miniature film which is despatched by Air. On arrival in the United Kingdom, the photographic prints are mimeographed and delivered through the Army Postal Service to the troops in the usual way. The rate on the Airgraph message will be ten cents.

## THE WEEK IN EDMONTON

Showing that about half of the British children now guests of Canadian families wish to remain here, Mr. J. G. H. Shakespeare, M.P., now touring the Dominion, declares that the British child placement plan is part of a wider policy of Empire settlement to be followed after the war is declared. In Edmonton, Mr. Shakespeare conferred with officials of the Chd. Welfare Bureau, who are concerned with the welfare of child guests.

Hon. D. Bruce MacMillan, minister of agriculture, has announced promotion of W. H. T. Mead, Canmore district agriculturist, to the position of live stock promoter for the province. Mr. Mead will act directly under A. A. Campbell, the live stock commissioner. Graduate of the Alberta University, the new promotion has seen him serve as general manager and Olds. J. L. Kain of the field crops branch will fill the Canmore vacancy.

Representatives of Canada's growing mining industry, more than 100 men from all parts of the Dominion convened in Edmonton at the three day sessions of the Canadian Institute of Mining. Delegates from 15 provinces were represented by Hon. N. E. Tamm, mines minister for the province, and by the mayor of Edmonton and Prof. W. G. McBride, president of the Institute. One topic of general interest was the development of the oil sands. Lieutenant Governor was present when Howard Sturtevant of Edmonton spoke on "Ontario as a possible market for Alberta coal." This address was timely, since the provincial government is at present conducting an educational and promotional campaign in an attempt to enhance the western market.

With plentiful supplies of bird game filling the bags of hunters in many parts of the province the grouse and partridge season has opened auspiciously. Report from the "fed" country adjacent to the North Saskatchewan River that game is thinning this year too. Nevertheless, conservationists are adhering to that worthy bit of doggerel verse which runs:

He who hunts and kills not all  
May hope to hunt again next fall;

But he who kills all that he can  
Is neither sport nor gentleman.

Paying of a monthly bonus to old age pensioners would cost taxpayers another \$646,200 yearly, it was estimated after Fred Anderson, M.L.A. was reported to have announced his intention to introduce a bill for consideration at the next legislative session. Under the Dominion A.O.P. pensioners must not have a separate income of more than \$125 a year if they are to receive the full \$20 pension. Persons with incomes up to \$300 a year get no pension. At present there are 10,770 pensioners in Alberta.

Alberta's labor legislation ranks among the best in Canada, is was declared in Edmonton by A. R. Johnson, vice-president of the Interna-



BRITAIN'S SEA-GOING G SAILORS.—The training of the British Royal Marines is a dual one for these troops have duties both afloat and on shore. Marines in training are seen storming a beach with a bayonet charge.

## NEWS Items of Local Interest

Hunters state that there are more game this year than there have been in any year for the past thirty years. Auctioneer C. Allen will offer the household effects of Mrs. W. H. Wright, now deceased, at auction on Oct. 11, at 2 p.m. The sale will take place at Mrs. Wright's residence.

L. Hutchison, formerly manager of the Royal Bank here but now occupying the same position in the town last week looking after his property.

Sgt. E. Lester arrived home last week from Duber, N.S., where he has been stationed for many months. Eugene has been on the sick list for sometime and has been transferred to Calgary.

Grant MacLean, son of Peter and late Mrs. MacLean of Vancouver, formerly of Gleichen, passed through town last week to board a train from the coast. Graham recognized the son of his old school chums on the platform and jumped off to shake hands.

Webb aged 88 years died at Ewbank home last week when he had a stroke of paralysis. Over 100 men, friends and family from England and came to Alberta in 1884 making Bowden his home. He is survived by a son living at Bowden. Funeral services were conducted by Major J. S. Simard and after which interment was made in Ewbank cemetery.

Corp. W. MacCallum, R.C.A.F., who

is located in Winnipeg, flew over town in a biplane Saturday afternoon.

Corp. G. C. Dunnigan, R.C.A.F.,

four other bombers passed over bound

for the same city. That evening Bill

came to town by train en route to Winnipeg and will likely fly west

with more bombers.

After a couple of weeks on furlough with his parents Corp. D. Woods, R.C.A.F., left Saturday night for Winnipeg, where he will continue his studies in engineering.

Corp. D. Dunnigan, going hunting

for the first time in his life. The first time he was out he had only five rounds of ammunition but he was successful beyond his wildest dreams.

While he probably hunted and while congratulating himself on his good luck a flock of geese came flying over him and he succeeded in knocking down one. The next day he had a bird he probably got and while chasing the other over the prairie he heard another flock coming and stopped to do some more shooting. The geese began to come in wave by wave, geese

and the thought came to his mind

that he had better get out of there

as fast as he could.

He thought this was more exciting than his first airplane ride. After the excitement was over he went back to his car and the geese were still there, he was chasing over the prairie with out success and couldn't help quote the old saying "bird in the hand is worth two on the prairie." However, Dunnigan arrived home with two geese which was the main thing.

This week is Fire Prevention Week.

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among the best in Canada, is was

declared in Edmonton by A. R. John-

son, vice-president of the Interna-

tional Union of Hotel and Restau-

rant Employees. He is to address

meetings in the city October 12 and 13.

## YOUTH TRAINING CLASSES FOR SEASON HAVE COMMENCED

The ladies of the Youth Training Class held their first meeting of the season last Friday, the excellent attendance forecasting much enjoyment for the group this winter. Classes will be held in the Gleichen Fire Hall.

The latter being a mixed class with ladies coming from 7:30 till 9 p.m., and the men from 8:30 till 10 p.m. Monday night is for ladies only, the class meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday night has been arranged for Tuesday night Oct. 17, in the P. T. hall, proceeds to go for re-wiring the hall.

In the season the group hope to

present a play, to pay for coal.

Three acts have been arranged for

and this will require twice as much

time as last year's!

Everyone is welcome to join this

Youth Training Group—it doesn't

cost a penny and it's a better tonic

than Vitameal B!

## SEEDTIME and HARVEST

Dr. K. W. Neethy

Director, Agricultural Department

North Western University

"Going Back" - 1.

The belief that varieties of wheat and other crop deteriorate, or "go bad" is probably quite old; indeed, it may trace back to Charles Darwin's conviction that all plants deteriorate through self-fertilization. Thus in the early years of this century, when there was a great deal of effort to rejuvenate Red Fife and Marquis by crossing different plants of the same variety, it was believed that "regenerated" Red Fife, or "re-generated" Marquis, but there was never any evidence that the so-called "re-generated" strains were any more productive than the original ones.

The "going back" idea may be strengthened by the knowledge that grain varieties do not always "go bad" in their seed each year. However, the situation with cross-fertilized crops, such as wheat, is not so clear cut as with crops mainly self-fertilized such as wheat, and barley.

Thatcher wheat suffered from rust last year has led many people to believe that leaf rust resistance is weakening. This is emphatically not so. Leaf rust and stem rust are two different and different fungous. Thatcher wheat has always been resistant to stem rust, and there is nothing to suggest that the leaf rust resistance is weakening. This is emphatically not so. Leaf rust and stem

deterioration in farm stocks of wheat is due to volatilization of their seed each year, more

earlier, to mechanical mixing in machinery, or from passing over fields, and to occasional natural crossing with other varieties.

The occurrence of speltoids in wheat might be considered an example of a variety that is "going back" in natural causes; but they appear to be largely self-extincting. (To be concluded.)

then home again. The couple left for Banff where they will spend more money in a few days than Willie can earn in three months. Willie says now that he is married he's going to settle down. Some of the participants think it would be better if he had a girl friend.

The groom gets a very small salary, about the size of the allowance Bettie has to give for pin money. We wish for you to remember the old saying that it takes no more to support two than one won't a lie.

It is unnecessary to say that the consequences were lamentable, but the foregoing is evidence that the parts a pair leaves out of many of those stories more wisdom than those

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Buyer for Farmer's Machinery Exchange,  
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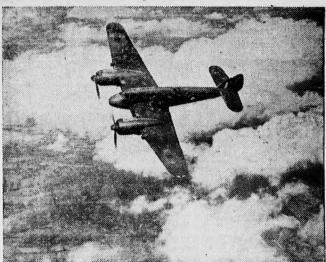
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## Sacrifices Here And There

The Canadian national income for the fiscal year ended March 31st has been estimated at \$5,000,000,000, close enough to call it \$5 billion dollars. During the same year, the people of this country will make a direct contribution towards the war effort of an estimated \$1,450,000,000 and an indirect contribution of \$1,150,000,000, representing Great Britain's estimated deficit on her account for war materials supplied by this country to her allies and some neutrals.

And this is not all. The contributions of the three combined contributions of the people of this country towards smashing Nazism during the current fiscal year will cost the people of this country approximately 44 per cent. of the Canadian national income.

With this in mind, it is safe to assume that we will continue to be contributed, by way of purely voluntary effort, for the support and comfort of the armed forces of our own country and of Great Britain, for the assistance of refugees and victims of aggression in the Old Land and elsewhere and for other kindred objectives. Canadians have every reason to feel that they are not taking a back seat.

In addition, in the light of such a war record, to quote Prime Minister Mackenzie King on the third reading of the war appropriations bill, "without boasting and without vainglory, we may all take pride in the vision, the unity, the resolution and the achievement of the Canadian people."

Yet, in the final analysis, the sacrifices which the people of Canada are quite willing to make to ensure that ultimately right shall prevail over might, and there is no guarantee that Canadians may have to make even greater sacrifices than payment of 44 per cent. of the national income before the goal is finally reached.

## In Great Britain

As far as all war expenses compares the lot of the average Canadian with that of his relatives and those who are bearing the brunt of the shock of battle in Great Britain, a contribution of 44 per cent. of the national income is not excessive.

Despite this contribution, it is a fair assumption that practically every resident of Great Britain, from the 16-year-old 1941-42, enjoys a hearty square meal a day with a free range radio, television, not only in quantity but in variety; that every Canadian will be able to enjoy a good night's sleep every night throughout the year, without fear of being crushed to death with the collapse of his house under a rain of bombs; that no Canadian will suffer from exposure for lack of sufficient clothing to keep him warm.

In the Motherland, on the other hand, not only are the people willingly and cheerfully devoting one half of their income to the prosecution of the war, but they are suffering dietary inconveniences which the well fed Canadian would find irksome, to say the least. They are existing on reduced rations, not to mention to a certain extent the lack of certain much needed war materials. Consumption of butter has been cut very sharply, and the use of some other food commodities has been materially curtailed or has disappeared entirely. On top of that, they never know when they retire for the night whether they will live to see another day.

In these respects the Canadian is better off than his friends and allies in the United Kingdom. His lot is infinitely superior, more tolerable and more enjoyable than that of the freedom-loving peoples of other European countries, now under the grinding heel of the ruthless Nazi conqueror.

## And In Norway

In illustration one has only to cite the predicament in which the people of Norway find themselves after one year of Hitler's rule. In that country, where conditions are not yet as harsh as in Poland, a huge army of occupation, estimated at 300,000 men, continue to requisition meat, eggs and other foods, and the German puppet-Nazis have first pick. A letter received from a Norwegian friend in Norway states that no butter can actually be found anywhere, and even further, when butter is not allowed to be used for their own families." Bread is made with so many ingredients that it tastes like cardboard, and "as for real flour, that can't be bought in the stores."

In northern Norway where fish is the staple support of the population, fishing has been curtailed, and the export of fish to the outside world has dried stock fish. 7,000 tons, has been seized while all domestic sales of kipflahp have been stopped. Germany wants kipflahp to use in bartering for products needed by the Reich, so they have demanded 10,000 tons for themselves and 9,000 tons for Norway, despite the fact that Norway's entire supply of kipflahp has been seized.

An inkling of the clothing situation in Norway is given by the author of another letter received in Great Britain in which the writer says "You can't think of buying anything without a ration card, not even thread, yarn or a tiny piece of cloth. We get 300 coupons per year in our card, but only one suit or overcoat a year. I am not alone when I think how many coupons it takes to buy stocklings for the boys."

It is well that fortunate Canadians who are asked to contribute 44 per cent. of the national income to "fight the good fight" should think of the plight of these people in other lands, when they open their purse strings.

## Sea Water Harmful

A person drifts at sea will live longer by taking no water at all than by drinking sea water. Sea water is so salty that while the kidneys are eliminating the excess salts, water from the blood plasma is lost, thus hastening death.

## An Efficient Dentist

These parasites get into the mouths of fish and annoy them. The tiny intestinal worms which are the bane of these large fish to remove the parasites while the "patient" holds perfectly still.



Amazon flies, used to combat the sugar-cane borer, have been blown by air express from the upper Amazon River to the West Indies.

A toad may live a year without food.

## Consider It Hard Luck

But Canadians Long Wait For Action

Canadians have been waiting "forever" but would have been in action against the enemy before the Australians. Major Gen. R. J. Collins said in a broadcast from London.

After relating what "this long wait" has done to the Canadians, Major Gen. Collins said that "with ordinary luck they should have been of getting going before the Anzacs... instead of which the Anzacs achieved one of the most successful campaigns before the Canadian even had a chance to show their fire."

The brief sortie into France with "no luck" was, he said, "a bad omen" but they'd agree, if you ask them, that they are 100 per cent. more fit today to take on the Hun than the Anzacs when they landed... . Under Lt.-General McNaughton's inspiring Drive and leadership they have made great progress."

## Large Outlays

Canadian Red Cross Has Spent \$120,371.00 For Comfort of Fighting Forces

For the aid of men of the British Navy and of other numerous seamen of the merchant marine and in out of very busy eastern seaports of Great Britain, the Canadian Red Cross has made very large outlays.

For a hotel of 750 beds requiring 1,000 men to staff it, the Canadian Red Cross has given \$100,000 to the YMCA for the enlargement of an army hostel of 250 beds, and \$10,000 to the Royal Air Force and for canteen equipment for the Knights of Columbus, a total of \$120,371.00. For the comfort of men at sea, which needed the men money has to be found quickly. The Canadian Red Cross has given \$10,000 to the foundation investments that other organizations might assume the cost of the foundation of them, and as they now continue.

For an extensive Navy yard, the Canadian Red Cross has given \$10,000 for the construction of premises, enlargement and furnishing... . For the entire \$20,000 to be spent, the Canadian Red Cross has given \$10,000 for supplies for these institutions, including clothing for men in the numbers of 1,000 boys in cold weather, and the hospital equipment and garments required in the Army and Navy hospitals.

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CHAPTER II.—Continued

Then one cupping Devona's chin a moment, Vara murmured, as if thinking aloud, "I wonder if you're happy here?"

"I'm not at all," she said, but inside the thought crept to a thousand-giggling fragments.

When the door finally closed again, leaving only the trailing fragrance of Vara's perfume, Devona's eyes flared slowly. "Don't call her 'Mother'!"

Devona tried the name aloud, "Mother?"

She had been waiting 14 years to say that. Now she must never say it again! Vara wanted no daughter. Not any now more than she had years ago. Not now, when Vara, good girl, good girl, was like a sister. Not mother and daughter. Not really.

Fingers trembling, she pressed them against her quivering temples.

"Don't, honey!" she whispered to her own white-faced reflection, "she's even—glad I'm dead!"

Perhaps—she glanced around the pretty room—she'd better go away. But where? She knew no one. And there'd been precious little money left after the long trip from India. But—if she weren't welcome—then what should she do? What could she do?

CHAPTER III.

A muffled step outside her door, followed by a discreet tap. Whisking away a betraying tear, Devona straightened, forbidding bursting out of her voice. "What is it?"

"It is I, Vara, please miss."

"I have a message, please miss." Bowing, he smiled his strange, sinister little smile. "From Mr. Brasher, please."

He handed her a card engraved "Dale" and "Attorney-at-law, in square black letters.

"Thank you!" Devona closed the door before she read the message scrawled on the card: "You have had time to change a dozen dresses. Come on down and let me show you off. D. B."

Strong, bold handwriting, it told Devona's sagging spirit at once. Dale would know what she should do. She had to go. It was a tall, thin landmark had located suddenly in a strange wilderness. Drawing a deep breath, she opened the door again.

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found her way along the long, curving hallway.

Her hands clutched like match-axes in the tiled steps and her heart drummed a maddening accompaniment. Dale, cool and clean-cut and so good-looking in white linens, waited at the foot of the stairs.

"Come on in," he commanded, his hands clasped behind his back. Then, almost tenderly: "You're a very beautiful gal, do you know that? And we're very glad you've come to stay. But—" he said, "I haven't."

"Come to stay," she said, her lips trying to smile around quivering. "Mother—Vara. I mean—don't that is, I sure sh'd rather I hadn't come at all."

A hand strengthed her suddenly so she just looked up at him, eyes swimming.

Dale's hands tightened over hers. "What's this?" he asked, his voice low. "Well, only that I shouldn't call her mother. She doesn't want people to know I'm her daughter, and—"

"So what? That's only natural. After all, her public thinks she's about 20. You can't afford to jeopardize careers. Surely you can understand that."

Devona nodded. "Yes, but—"

"How to tell him about the coldness, the feeling of uncertainty, the—"

"Please don't," Dale persisted.

"That's nothing for me to get all blury-eyed about. And I suppose she didn't exactly take you on her knee and tell you bedtime stories. Look here, Devona. Surely you're not going sentimental on us, are you?"

"No, of course, not."

"That's more like it," he said, as a frail little smile struggled across her face. "Come meet all these cockeyed relatives."

Still Devona hesitated. "Be sure you don't tell them—why I really am. Mother—Vara, I mean—don't want them to know."

"Who is this? I mean—"

